



PROCLAMATION

National Methamphetamine Awareness Month November 2008

WHEREAS, methamphetamine is a highly addictive, powerful man-made drug that produces feelings of euphoria that can last for up to 24 hours and results in psychotic behavior such as auditory hallucinations, mood disturbances, delusion, and paranoia and can result in short-term and long-term physical effects in the brain and elsewhere in the body; and

WHEREAS, methamphetamine use places significant burdens on local social services and health care resources, law enforcement, corrections, courts, treatment programs and the city of Santa Barbara and families are forced to endure the effects of addiction and dependence; and

WHEREAS methamphetamine use affects individuals of all ages, races, and ethnic backgrounds. All too often, meth abuse not only ruins the life of the user, it disrupts the lives of the users family, friends, and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, since the passage of the Combat Meth Act in 2005, which restricts the sale of pseudoephedrine, the main ingredient of meth, the number of home-grown meth labs has dramatically decreased throughout the nation and in Santa Barbara; and

WHEREAS, National Methamphetamine Awareness Month was established to increase awareness of methamphetamine and educate the public on effective ways to help prevent methamphetamine use at the international, Federal, State and local levels; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of Fighting Back and Meth Prevention Task Force, a collaborative effort of Public and Private organizations dedicated to reducing methamphetamine abuse throughout Santa Barbara County; and

WHEREAS, Fighting Back and Meth Prevention Task Force has developed and implemented strategies covering methamphetamine education, prevention and intervention and the National Methamphetamine Awareness Month will play an important role in highlighting the communitywide efforts to increase awareness and decrease use; and

WHEREAS, National Methamphetamine Awareness Month represents a coordinated effort not only to reach potential meth users with a message of prevention, but also to educate current users about the effective treatment programs available to them.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARTY BLUM, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Santa Barbara, do hereby proclaim November 2008 as **NATIONAL METHAMPHETAMINE AWARENESS MONTH**.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Santa Barbara, California, to be affixed this 11th day of November, 2008.

Marty Blum
MARTY BLUM, MAYOR